Functioning of Doordarshan Relay Centres in Bihar

149. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to start Doordarshan relay centres in Banka, Goda, Devdnor and Jamy cities of Bihar is pending with the Government.

(b) whether it is a fact that the construction of these four relay centres has been completed since long but they are not functioning for want of inauguration; and

(c) if so, by when the said relay centres are likely to be made functional or whether Government have decided not to start the four centres at all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Whereas a Low Power TV Transmitter is already operational at Godda, no cities by name Devdnor and Jamy could be traced out in Bihar. However, Law Power TV transmitters are already operational at Deoghar and Jamui in districts Deoghar and Munger respectively. There is no proposal with the Government, at present, to set up a TV transmitter at Banka.

बिहार में डिमूदानी घाट में बैंक की शाखा का खोला जाना

150. श्री राम गोपाल यादव: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दरभंगा, बिहार में जरिसों पंचायत के अंतर्गत डिमूदानी घाट में बैंक की एक शाखा खोले जाने संबंधी किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम॰ वी॰ चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि दरभंगा, बिहार में जरितें पंचायत के अन्तर्गत ग्रामीण केन्द्र, डिमूदानी घाट पर किसी बैंक की शाखा खोलने के लिए उन्हें कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए, प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Amount not paid by Loanees to Banks

151. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHARY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount defaulted or not paid by the loanees to the nationalised banks is running into Rs. 70,000 crores, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that RBI has issued a circular giving list of 5729 defaulters;

(c) if so, why the names of defaulters are not made public or brought to the notice of MPs; and

(d) whether it is a fact that bank officers' conference held recently at Bangalore has published names of defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the total assets classifed by Banks as 'doubtful' or 'loss' as on 31st March, 1994 were Rs. 27390.12 crores. Under a scheme introduced in April, 1994, RBI collects information from banks and financial institutions on borrowal accounts which have been classified by them a doubtfull loss and suit filed, with outstandings aggregating Rs. one crore and above, on a half-yearly

basis. This information is circulated to banks and Financial Institutions for their confidential use. RBI has also published a list of borrowal accounts against which banks and have filed suits for recovery of funds as on 31st March, 1994.

(c) The provisions of law relating to secrecy of banner custome customer relationship do not permit disclosing name of deaulters. However, the list of suit filed borrowal accounts (Rs. one crore and above) as on 31st March, 1994 has been published.

(d) No such information is available with RBI.

Implementation of Malhotra Committee Report

152. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position relating to the implementation of the Malhotra Committee Report on privatisation of Insurance industry;

(b) what are the details of recommendations which have so far been accepted and implemented and what is the position with regard to other recommendations and by when a decision is likely to be taken in respect of these recommendations;

(c) whether Government propose to set up any regulatory authority for Insurance industry to push forward the country's economic reforms programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Malhotra Committee on Reforms in the Insurance Sector submitted its report to the Government on the 7th January, 1994 recommending various reforms required in the insurance sector. Their recommendations have been discussed with the managements and the unions of the insurance industry; consumer interest groups; Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and academics. These recommendations were also discussed in the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Finance. The suggestions made in these discussions will be kept in view by the Government while takeing a final decision on the recommendations made by the Malhotra Committee. As a first step towards reforms in the insurance sector, the Finance Minister in his 1995 Budget Speech announced that an Independent Regulatory Authority (IRA) for the insurance industry would be established. Appropriate action will be taken after finalising the modalities in this regard.

Improvements in New Energy Policy

153. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the implications involved in the Enron Power Project, Government have decided to introduce improvements in the New Energy Policy, to ensure transparency in all foreign aided power projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) It is understood that State Government of Maharashtra has undertaken a review of the Debhol Power Project. No adverse impact has been noticed by the Government of India on the foreign private investments in the power sector due to this review. The present power policy ensures complete transparency. Government of India,